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SUMMARY: AT NOV. 30 SESSION, FOOD AID COMMITTEE

AGREED TO CALL SPECIAL MEETING FEB. 21, 1974, TO RECONSIDER EXTENSION OF FOOD AID CONVENTION (FAC) OF INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT. ACTION WAS TAKEN TO GIVEN EUROPEAN COMMUNITY MORE TIME TO DECIDE ON WHETHER IT WILL GO ALONG WITH EXTENSION. END SUMMARY.

1. AT NOV. 30 SESSION ALL MEMBERS OF FOOD AID COMMITTEE EXCEPT EEC STATED INTENTION OF EXTENDING FAC. MOST COMMITTEE MEMBERS INDICATED, HOWEVER, THEIR GOVERNMENTS WOULD SUPPORT EXTENSION OF FAC ONLY IF ALL PARTIES SUBSCRIBED TO IT. EEC SPOKESMAN REPEATED WHAT HE HAD SAID AT INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL SESSION EARLIER THAT COMMUNITY HAD NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO DECIDE ON EXTENSION AND COULD NOT SAY WHETHER IT WILL HAVE REACHED DECISION BY TIME CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENTS MEETS ON FEB. 21 TO DECIDE ON EXTENSION OF IWA.

2. WITH EEC ABSTAINING FROM TAKING A POSITION COMMITTEE ALSO AGREED THAT IF FAC IS EXTENDED, EXTENSION SHOULD BE FOR SAME PERIOD AS FOR WHEAT TRADE CONVENTION. THUS FAC WOULD BE EXTENDED FOR TWO YEARS OR THROUGH JUNE 30, 1976 PROVIDED CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENTS ABIDES BY RECOMMENDATION OF WHEAT COUNCIL. DISCUSSION OF TEXTS RELATING TO EXTENSION OF FAC REVEALED SOME MINOR PROBLEMS BUT IT WAS AGREED THESE COULD BE WORKED OUT BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY IN CONSULTATION WITH GOVERNMENTS BEFORE FEBRUARY CONFERENCE.

3. WITH EC AGAIN ABSTAINING, COMMITTEE ALSO AGREED THAT SPECIAL MEETING OF FOOD AID COMMITTEE SHOULD BE HELD MORNING OF FEB. 21 TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENTS MEETING AFTERNOON OF FEB. 21. IF FOOD AID COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS AGAINST EXTENDING FAC, IT WILL THEN HAVE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR LIQUIDATING ARREARS IN OBLIGATIONS UNDER FAC 1967 AND FAC 1971.

4. ARGENTINA STILL HAS 1,500 TONS TO BE SHIPPED AGAINST 1969/70 OBLIGATIONS AND 10,000 AGAINST 1970/71 OBLIGATIONS. ARGENTINA'S ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION IS 23,000 TONS. EEC HAS 8,360 TONS STILL TO BE SHIPPED AGAINST UNCLASSIFIED

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ITS 1970/71 OBLIGATIONS OF 1,035,000 TONS.

5. UNDER FAC 1971, EEC HAS 266,301 TONS STILL TO BE SHIPPED AGAINST 1971/72 OBLIGATIONS OF 1,035,000 TONS, AND 586,759 TONS AGAINST OBLIGATIONS FOR 1972/73 OF 1,116,100 TONS.

6. EXCEPT FOR EEC AND ARGENTINA WHICH IS IN ARREARS

FOR ALMOST ALL ITS OBLIGATIONS FOR 1971/72 AND FOR ALL ITS 1972/73 OBLIGATIONS, OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE EITHER MET OBLIGATIONS IN FULL OR ARE IN ARREARS FOR ONLY MODEST AMOUNTS AND LARGELY OWING TO MATTERS BEYOND THEIR CONTROL.

7. FOOD AID COMMITTEE ALSO TOOK NOTE OF SITUATION REPORT RECEIVED FROM UN DISASTER RELIEF OFFICE (UNDRO) ASKING COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO CONTRIBUTE MORE TO FOOD AID FOR RELIEF WORK IN ETHIOPIA. ASSUME STATE/AID BEING INFORMED DIRECTLY BY UNDRO.
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